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TO: Richard Bruckner, Director
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FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *J. Fielding*
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SUBJECT: **PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY
STANDARDS DISTRICT**

We understand the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) is currently conducting the periodic review of the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) which includes determining if the provisions are adequate in protecting the health, safety and general welfare of residents near the Inglewood Oil Field. In the course of this review, DRP has queried whether the Department of Public Health (DPH) recommends conducting another a survey of residents regarding noise, odors, vibration, or other issues. At this time, DPH does not recommend conducting another community health survey.

In 2011, DPH performed a health assessment for the communities near the oil field which included a survey of residents regarding reported illness and environmental concerns related to noise, odors, and vibrations. On April 11, 2012, DPH submitted a report of the survey findings to the Board of Supervisors, with a copy to DRP.

DPH continues to participate in addressing conditions and complaints in the CSD. For noise complaints, DPH conducts regular monitoring of community noise and investigates specific noise complaints. For complaints regarding odors and vibration, DPH refers the complaints to the appropriate regulatory agencies. Through participating in regular meetings with the Multiple Agency Coordination Committee, DPH is able to monitor progress of all areas of the CSD.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dr. Cyrus Rangan at (213) 738-3220.

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